REMARKS

Claims 1 - 18 and 20 - 25 have been allowed. Claims 19 and 26 have been amended. Claim 27 has been added. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments or added claim, all of which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 - 27 are now in the application.

I.   Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action dated October 6, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that Claims 19 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 6,466,779 to Moles et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action states that Applicant has argued that Moles does not teach a bit mask. Applicant has also argued, in the response dated July 2, 2004, that Moles does not teach a plurality of arrays. See the carryover paragraph that begins on p. 17 of Applicant's July response, where this is discussed. However, in the interest of rapidly progressing the application to issuance, Applicant has amended independent Claim 19 to specify details of limitations from the already-allowed independent Claims 1, 7, and 13. Applicant notes that these details are included in the claim language which is specified in the "reasons for allowance" text in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that independent Claim 19 is allowable as currently specified, and that Claim 19 and its dependent Claims 26 - 27 can now pass to issuance. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the §102 rejection.

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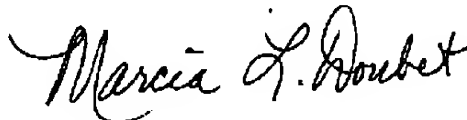
II.   Allowed Claims

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 18 and 20 - 25 are allowed.

III.   Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejected claims,

withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections, and allowance of all claims at an early date.

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